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Othello Excuse Note

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Roderigo,

Please excuse Roderigo's untimely demise. He was not really the sharpest tool in the shed, but really just a tool. I also ask that you excuse the fact that he may have sold your family estate and given all of his money to me in pursuit of a woman. The woman did not want him, but I tried my very best to help him nevertheless. While we were in Venice, he woke old Barbantio to tell him that his daughter had married Othello, the Moor. He was so convinced that this would help him by impressing Barbantio and showing that he was the right one for his daughter, it was not so. Therefore, he decided to travel to Cyprus and continue his quest for the lady's heart there. While on Cyprus, he lost even more of his money. I'm sorry to say that he gave it to me, and I don't have it anymore since I am in prison for being evil, but I digress. Poor Roderigo lost his life fighting valiantly against Othello's former lieutenant Cassio. He missed on his first strike, and after a brief scuffle, Cassio wounded him and ran into the streets. I tried my best to help Roderigo, but I could not reach the fight in time. When Cassio was found and stopped so he would not wake up half the island with his yelling, I went back to look for Roderigo and, unfortunately, found him dead. Roderigo was a good person, and I don't know what possessed him to attack a man such as Cassio, but I think that he was one of the finer soldiers I have seen in my time as Othello's Ancient. He may have had his flaws, like his generally gullible nature and an inability to understand when to stop (whether it was spending his money or chasing a woman), but none of this takes away from the fact that your son was a good person, and we are very sorry that he is dead. With that said, please excuse your son's poor sense of who to trust, bad spending habits, and in the end, his unfortunate death.

Sincerely,
Iago